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1. [REDACTED] advised me that he thought there was a legal question as to whether we could acquire the additional real estate we sought with money left over from building funds. I have urged Larry Houston and him to clarify this promptly and to make sure that the Director understood that there may be some problem. In this connection, the Director asked me where we stood on this matter. I told him that we were waiting for his clearance with the appropriate Congressional committees. He seemed surprised but after further discussion recognized that it might be bad to have this hit the papers without having touched base with at least Senator Russell and Mr. Cannon in addition to Mr. Vinson, who has already given the proposition his endorsement. The Director said that he would take care of this right away. (I think that everything else is in order to proceed as soon as we have the necessary clearances.)

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2. I agreed with [REDACTED] and Dick Helms that we would send [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] conference on 27 January.

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3. I participated in numerous discussions with General Carter, Mr. Kirkpatrick, [REDACTED] about furnishing someone from the Office of Communications to the [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] alerted me to the fact that the Congressional budget presentation would be different this year and that the Deputy Director (Support) would probably have to defend a sizable segment of the budget for the Offices of Security, Communications, and Training.

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5. [REDACTED] and I briefed Mr. Bernard Boutin, the GSA Administrator, on our desire to acquire additional real estate. He was most cooperative. (See my Memorandum of Conversation.)

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a. In the course of my conversation with Mr. Boutin he told me most emphatically that they were going to tear down all of the temporary buildings, including those along the Mall and in West Potomac Park, by 1 January 1964. I told him that I was all for this, but I challenged his target date and said I hoped that he would make adequate provisions to accommodate us elsewhere. (I passed this on to [REDACTED] who told me that his liaison with PBS said that we will soon get a letter from Mr. Boutin to this effect.)

b. I also told Mr. Boutin that, since he had never seen our headquarters building, we would be pleased to have him come out sometime for lunch and take a tour of it. He said that he would be delighted to do so, and I undertook to arrange this.

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